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More of the same:

Wednesday, partly sunny. High in the upper 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Wednesday night, showers and thunderstorms likely. Low in the mid-60s. Chance of rain 60 percent. Thursday, showers and thunderstorms likely. High in the upper 70s. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Friday through Sunday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms each day. Lows from 60 to 65. Highs from the upper 70s to the middle 80s.

Inside The News

The Mason/Dixon/Toledo Line:

Some Toledoans are wondering if their city wouldn't be better served as a part of Michigan instead.

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Outside campus

If you wanted to borrow it...:

A Weston couple told Wood County Sheriff's deputies they woke Tuesday morning to the sound of a gunshot and found their car "fully engulfed" by flames.

The two said they were sleeping in their home at 2:43 a.m. when they heard the car's horn and a loud noise. They looked outside and discovered the car burning in their driveway.

The couple notified Weston firefighters, who extinguished the flames but could not determine the source of the fire. Fire officials said they will ask state fire investigators to examine the car.

The husband and wife said they had not heard the family dog make any noise and suspected the fire was set by friends of their teenage son. Their son ran away from home August 25 and was returned to their custody by sheriff's deputies Monday.

The couple said they believed their son was the "ringleader" of the group of suspects.

Lottery

CLEVELAND - The Ohio Lottery will pay out \$525,041 to winners in Tuesday's Pick 3 Numbers daily game.

Sales in Pick 3 Numbers totaled \$1,305,378.

In the other daily game, Pick 4 Numbers players wagered \$268,548.50 and will share \$200,100.

Sales in Buckeye 5 totaled \$1,308,779.

The jackpot for Wednesday's Super Lotto drawing is worth \$12 million.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Cycle accident leaves unknown man dead in BG

Fatality possibly BGSU student

by Chris Hawley
local government reporter

A man is dead after his motorcycle collided with a car at the corner of East Wooster and Mercer Avenue at about 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Police would not comment on the accident and would not identify the drivers involved at press time; however, Sgt. Dick Gullfusen of the University Police Department said the victim was probably a student.

"The victim has not been positively identified yet," he said. "It may have been a student but we don't know anything for sure." The victim appeared to be a white male in his 20s, with short-cropped hair. He was riding a black Yamaha motorcycle.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when the car, a silver Plymouth Horizon traveling south on Mercer Avenue and driven by a man, apparently pulled out into traffic traveling east on Wooster Street.

Dan Hartman, a senior sociology major, said he was in a vehicle behind the Plymouth when the incident occurred. Hartman said his car and the Plymouth were stopped at the traffic light on Mercer Avenue.

The Plymouth then pulled out into the intersection, Hartman said.

"From what I could tell, he ran the red light," he said.

Residents in Dunbar and Chapman residence halls said they heard the collision from their rooms.

"We heard a crash, and then a guy screaming," one Dunbar resident said. "He was screaming, 'Call 911!'" The resident asked not to be identified.

Residents said the collision occurred suddenly.

"There wasn't a lot of screeching," said another resident. "I thought it was a machine part falling off a truck."

The motorcycle driver appeared to have been killed instantly. Officials from the Wood County Coroner's office removed the body from underneath the front end of the car at about 10:45 p.m.

The right front end of the Plymouth appeared to be badly damaged and the front end of the motorcycle was severely damaged and gasoline was leaking from the gas tank.

Witnesses said police took the driver of the car into custody after a chase on foot, but police

See Crash, page four.



The BG News Chris Hawley

Wood County Coroner's Department officials prepare to remove the body of an unidentified man killed in an auto/motorcycle collision at the corner of East Wooster and Mercer Avenue Tuesday night.

Altering registration may cause woes

Election officials warn of problems with jury duty, taxes, grant eligibility

by Chris Hawley
local government reporter

Let the voter beware: putting your name on the election rolls in Wood County may mean more than the right to cast a ballot locally. It may also affect financial aid, local taxes and your out-of-county immunity to being called to serve on a jury.

Although court and board of elections officials say problems caused by students who registered without knowing the possible effects last year "have died down," they are urging students to know the facts before signing up during campus voter registration drives this fall.

According to Wood County Jury Coordinator Tina Hernandez, the greatest problems were

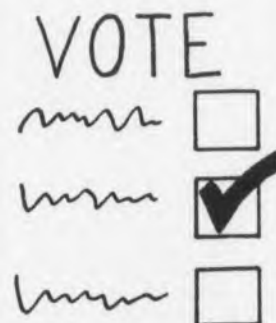
caused by students who were unaware that registering to vote would make them eligible to be called for jury duty.

Hernandez said that during last spring she received telephone calls every day from students trying to postpone their jury duty. Hernandez said she allows few schedule changes.

"I want the kids now," she said. "I don't want to have to wait."

Students from states such as Michigan, where jury candidates are selected from lists of driver's licenses, could be called for jury duty in two states, Hernandez said.

Registering to vote might also affect some financial aid, Wood County Board of Elections Director Mary Lou Emmans said.



"Some grants and scholarships, if they are given by [home counties], could be in jeopardy," she said, adding that local service club scholarships might also be affected.

However, state and University-sponsored financial aid will not be affected by a change in voter registration, according to Michelle Simmons, assistant director of the office of financial aid and student employment.

Also, registering to vote locally will not affect auto insurance, said Jeff Smith, president of Huber, Harger, Welt and Smith Insurance.

Auto insurance premiums are based upon the area where a car is principally driven and is unaffected by where a person votes,

Smith said.

Board of elections officials urged caution when registering to vote through a registration drive.

"Most of the volunteers working in these drives are not trained by election officials and may not warn voters of responsibilities involved," Emmans said.

She also said most drive workers distribute simple mail-in cards instead of registering voters with the official forms used in the Board of Elections office. These forms include a tear-off receipt that is given to each new voter.

Students to be honored for rescue of 2 children

by Eileen McNamara
police reporter

Two University students who came to the aid of two lost boys Saturday will be honored by Bowling Green police Tuesday. Sophomore business administration major Todd Bondy and freshman business pre-law major Chad Van Dusen, both of 235 Mercer Road #26, will receive Certificates of Appreciation at the city council meeting.

Police officials said they consider the students lifesavers, preventing a crime similar to the case of Alex Leimgruber, a 3-year-old boy kidnapped and murdered in Bowling Green last spring.

Van Dusen said he saw the two boys, 2 and 4 years old, playing unsupervised in a field

near Mercer Road when he was pulling into the nearby parking lot of his apartment complex at about 8:30 p.m. One boy was naked; the other wore only pants.

"It was very weird," he said. "I walked over to them to find out what was going on, but they were crying and too scared to really talk."

Bondy ran outside to help and they picked up the children and walked toward the building to call the police. Other residents of the apartment complex had already called the police, and an officer met Bondy and Van Dusen on their way to the building.

The children were wrapped in blankets and placed in the back seat of the police car. As police were attempting to comfort the children and ask them

questions, the mothers of the boys arrived, and a brief argument ensued.

According to police, a copy of the police report has been forwarded to the Department of Human Services because of the allegedly suspicious nature of the incident. All files regarding this case are confidential, so it is not known whether charges will be filed against the parents.

"I'd really like to know what happened," Van Dusen said. "I'm very concerned about the children."

Patrolwoman Dawn Kerschner, the officer on the scene, said it was this concern that may have saved the boys' lives. The actions of Bondy and Van Dusen impressed Kerschner

See Award, page four.

Newsflash! BG the focus of news show

by Jane Kilgore
student life reporter

Wood Cable Channel 34, WBGU, will host a new news program about the campus and city of Bowling Green beginning Sept. 9.

The local news provided for the area will steer away from national and state news, due to a low budget situation - instead, Bowling Green will be the feature of the show.

Executive producers of the news show Bob Jones and Chris Hursh are responsible for the design of the program. The two have put at least 1,500 hours into the program since November 1991. They are working with a staff of more than 70 people, not counting new staff members, and have several journalism classes

Public meetings

Today:

Section 125 Plan Workshops for staff wanting to learn more about the plan, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Assembly Room, McFall Center.

Bowling Green Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., administrative services building, 304 N. Church St.

Thursday:

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30 p.m., Alumni Room, University Union.

working to help produce feature stories to be included in the show.

"We have a 15-minute time block to work with, so the news will be about 13 minutes long," Hursh said.

The program will be aired three times within 24 hours - first at 5:30 p.m., next at 10:30

See WBGU, page four.

Michael Dylan Brennan is a columnist for **The News**, and if he were on City Council, he'd do his damn job.

USG to focus on voting, budget

by Jeni Bond
student government reporter

Undergraduate Student Government President Jason Jackson said Monday that the group would be focusing on voter registration, the budget crisis and city-University relations this year.

Jackson announced at the first meeting this year that USG is working with Vote America, a non-profit organization that



works with college campuses to register students to vote. USG is using a three-phase strategy to register students, Jackson said.

"We want to register students who are not already registered, and get students who are registered at home to transfer their registration to Bowling Green," Jackson said. "If students don't want to transfer their registration, we want to make sure they vote absentee."

USG plans to follow up on the voter registration drive with a "get out and vote" effort beginning Oct. 27. According to Jackson, registering students and getting them to vote are two different things.

The organization will officially kick off this year's voter registration drive Sept. 14. According to Mike Sears, USG's national, state and community affairs coordinator, it is vital that the organization conducts a unified campaign.

"USG is a united group on campus," Sears said. "We want to keep it non-partisan when registering students to vote."

"It should be the common goal of USG to get students to register because it is important that [the students] vote," he added.

Students will also have the opportunity to vote for their campus senators in the Sept. 17 USG elections. Petitions will be avail-

able Sept. 8 for students interested in running for a senate seat. Six on-campus district seats and six off-campus seats are available.

Students can also get involved by becoming a volunteer. Volunteering helps students understand the day-to-day operations of the organization, Jackson said.

"Students who volunteer become outstanding candidates for appointments during the year because they already know the process of how things are run," Jackson said.

Jackson also said the budget situation is constantly being

See USG, page seven.

Classified staff holds ceremony

Scholarships awarded, secretary named outstanding employee

by Cynthia Prada
classified staff reporter

Classified Staff Council kicked off the academic year Tuesday by awarding four scholarships and the Outstanding Employee of the Year Award at its annual convocation ceremony in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom.

Jodie Laubis, secretary at the Student Recreation Center, was this year's recipient of the outstanding employee award.

"I've had such an emotional day -- this morning I dropped off my youngest child at the first day of kindergarten, and then I received this award," Laubis said. "I was so honored. There are so many good people [in classified staff] and I'm so thankful that they chose me."

WBGU

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p.m., and repeated again at 7:45 a.m. the next morning.

"We expect the show to continue throughout the years, as we are trying to design the program that way," Hursh said.

Crash

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officials would not confirm an arrest.

"The guy in the silver car was freaking," Hartman said. "From

The two main news anchors will be Bob Jones and Andrea Pacione, the sports anchor will be Ray Crawford, and Melissa Kravitz will cover entertainment. Backups will be available for each position.

what I could tell, he ran somewhere."

Police had not yet announced the medical condition of the Plymouth's driver.

"Little did any of us know that in 1992 we would have to face the first layoffs of classified employees in BGSU's history. These fine people are missed, and I sincerely wish them the best in their search for re-employment,"

Chris Stock, Classified Staff Council president

The committee to elect the recipient is comprised of 12 classified staff members. There is an open nomination process followed by a careful review of job performance and relationship with the University. Important criteria the committee looks at include dependability, initiative, cooperation, commitment to the University, and positive interaction within the campus community.

Laubis was selected out of a

pool of 33 nominees. She was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize and her name will be engraved on a permanent plaque located in Personnel Services.

Four \$125 scholarships were also awarded at the ceremony. Two went to classified staff members, and the other two went to employees' children. The staff winners were Lorraine K. Rush and Kelly McHugh. Nichole Blasius and Jodee Philo received the dependent awards.

In other matters, Chris Stock, president of Classified Staff Council, opened the ceremony with a few comments about the recent wave of budgetary problems.

"Little did any of us know that in 1992 we would have to face the first layoffs of classified employees in BGSU's history," Stock said. "These fine people are missed, and I sincerely wish them the best in their search for re-employment."

According to John Moore, director of personnel services, there has been a concerted effort to aid those who were laid off.

Moore said, "Eight of the 30 laid-off classified workers have been re-hired in some capacity at the University, and two others have found outside work."

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The BG News/Teresa Thomas

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Disgruntled Northwest Ohioans gain notice with secession talk

by The Associated Press

TOLEDO — Toledo, the capital of the Great State of Northwest Ohio.

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Some people who think the state has neglected northwest Ohio are wondering whether it wouldn't be better for the region — Toledo in particular — to secede from Ohio.

Frank Semersky, a plastics industry consultant, said Tuesday that people are talking about it. He wrote a letter to *The Blade* suggesting that Toledo secede from Ohio to become "Michigan's second-largest city."

"Our political leaders in Columbus pay us no heed. They rarely even acknowledge our existence, let alone throw us a political bone. Much lung power has been exerted over many years trying to remedy the problem,"

Semersky said in his letter, published Sunday.

Semersky said Toledo has more in common with Detroit,

dollars funneled from this corner of the state to the capital should be returned in far greater abundance.

"Our political leaders pay us no heed. They rarely even acknowledge our existence, let alone throw us a political bone. Much power has been exerted over many years trying to remedy the problem."

Frank Semersky, Toledo resident

about 45 miles to the north, than Columbus, about 130 miles to the south.

Next to Semersky's letter was an editorial, in which the newspaper said the state capital has ignored Northwest Ohio, especially when it comes to sharing tax dollars.

"If state government wants to stop talk of northwest Ohio moving to Michigan or even petitioning to become its own state, all Columbus has to do is learn how to share," the editorial said. "Tax

"It is time to rectify the past and let Toledo and northwest Ohio join the 3 C's — Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati — at the table."

The newspaper has been pushing for decentralization of state government. Gov. George Voinovich announced in June that a new regional office of the workers' compensation board would open in Toledo. It will bring 75 jobs to the area in December.

Toledo has lost thousands of

jobs.

Wesley Fahrback in May appointed by Voinovich as his regional representative to Northwest Ohio, said Toledo is receiving more attention from the state than ever before.

"There is a feeling in Northwest Ohio that in the past they haven't received a lot of attention from the state. But I think that's starting to change," said Fahrback, a former commissioner of Sandusky County.

Voinovich spokesman John Meyer said Voinovich understands the concerns but thinks the problem stems from his predecessors.

"He understands that Toledo feels neglected but believes it will take some time to turn that around. He's just going to keep working on it."

Toledo Mayor John McHugh said although the city sometimes doesn't get the funding or attention it deserves from the state, it's not feasible for the city to become part of Michigan.

Court Blotter

□ Former University student Charles Bodiker was recently sentenced to one year in the Ohio Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation after being convicted of drug trafficking, a fourth-degree felony.

The sentence was suspended, however, by Judge Charles Kurfess, who placed Bodiker on probation for 2 years.

Bodiker was arrested last spring after selling marijuana to a police informant on two separate occasions in November 1991 and again in February 1992.

Bodiker was a University resident living in Conklin Hall when the offenses occurred.

□ Gloria and Phillip Sponsler of Bowling Green have filed a \$500,000 lawsuit naming Wood County Hospital and Dr. Rogelio Sanchez as defendants.

The suit claims Gloria Sponsler was allegedly misdiagnosed during a December 1991 emergency room visit to Wood County Hospital.

Sponsler went to the emergency room with pain in her left arm after a fall at her home.

According to the suit, Sponsler "suffered a major loss of left upper extremity function as well as physical and emotional pain" as a result of the alleged negligence. No hearing date has been set.

□ A Perrysburg man was recently indicted by the Wood County Grand Jury for aggravated drug trafficking.

Alfonso Sifuentes, alias Gilbert Rodriguez, allegedly sold, or offered to sell, more than two ounces of cocaine to an undercover officer last July.

Sifuentes is scheduled for his hearing Sept. 8 at 9 a.m.

□ Lisa Shelby of Walbridge, Ohio, has been indicted for a hit-

and-run accident involving a Toledo man last May.

Shelby has also been indicted for tampering with evidence in connection with the case.

The incident occurred along Drouillard Road, a few miles east of Perrysburg.

The victim was walking home from work in the early morning hours of May 2 when Shelby allegedly struck him with her automobile and fled the scene, the police report said.

Shelby was initially questioned about the incident when officers responding to an anonymous phone call spotted her allegedly damaged automobile, the report stated.

A subsequent investigation led to her arrest.

The hearing is scheduled to begin Sept. 8 at 9 a.m.

□ Michael Calcagno will stand trial on Oct. 22 for the alleged February rape of a female University student.

Calcagno was a member of the University football team when the incident allegedly occurred.

The trial is scheduled to last two days.

□ A Bowling Green man has been indicted on counts of gross sexual imposition and aggravated menacing involving two city women.

According to the indictment, Anthony Herrera, 531 W. Gypsy Lane, allegedly forced the women to have sexual contact with him, threatening to kill them if they refused.

The hearing is scheduled to take place Sept. 8 at 9 a.m.

All preceding cases have been or will be processed through the Wood County Common Pleas Court.

Award

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enough for her to recommend some kind of recognition for the students to Police Chief Galen Ash.

"These gentlemen should be commended on their efforts pertaining to these children in light of what has happened in the past year with the Alex Leimgruber case," Kershner wrote in the police report.

"Luckily for these children involved," she continued, "the gentlemen who picked them up had the children's best interests in mind."

Van Dusen said he appreciates

the recognition and is excited to be honored at the city council meeting.

"It's all pretty flattering," he said.

Ash said he is glad two University students are getting the attention they deserve because he believes students often get a bad rap.

"Everyone reads about the excess drinking and the parties, but these guys represent the majority of the student population," he said. "This is our opportunity to recognize that fact."

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Specialty fields threaten Clinton mocks attack general physician supply

by The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The number of physician specialties has soared in the past five years, threatening to splinter medical care and boost already spiraling costs, says a report in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Twenty-five physician specialties and 56 subspecialties now have accredited U.S. training programs, with 35 of the subspecialties recognized in just the past five years, the report said.

While internal medicine, plastic surgery and urology have been established for decades, new specialties include such offshoots as aerospace medicine, hand surgery and pediatric urology, said the report in Wednesday's journal.

And more are on the way, said the report by Dr. Carlos J.M. Martini, vice president of medical education for the AMA, the nation's largest organization for doctors.

In addition, 123 self-appointed medical boards certify physicians in areas ranging from addiction treatment to circus medicine without having passed the muster of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, Martini said.

A spokesman for specialists called the report "sort of a hysterical response" to the trend.

"We can't hold medicine back. We can't use social needs to redirect advancements in medical

science," said Dr. J. Lee Dockery, executive vice president of the American Board of Medical Specialties in suburban Evanston.

Dr. Marc L. Rivo, director of medicine for the Bureau of Health Professions in the Department of Health and Human Services, said the proliferation of specialists and subspecialists is a serious problem.

"Despite a doubling of the physician supply in the last 25 years, from 300,000 to 600,000, we still have large parts of the country that have no doctors," he said from Rockville, Md.

"In many parts of the country, including large cities, there are not enough generalist physicians to provide basic access to care," he said.

The rapid growth has prompted the curriculum-accrediting council to declare a moratorium until June on new subspecialty education programs, Martini said.

The federal government spends \$5 billion a year on physician training and is considering ways to increase the number of doctors in family practice or general internal medicine or pediatrics, Rivo said.

U.S. generalists are paid less and work longer and more inconvenient hours than specialists, a fact not lost on medical students, said Dr. Robert H. Waldman, vice president for medical student and resident education at the Association of American Medical Colleges.

by The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Bill Clinton on Monday dismissed Bush campaign efforts to ridicule the Democrat's plan for 8 million new jobs, saying Republicans lack credibility on the issue and ran the economy "into the ditch."

Clinton offered a reminder that Bush had promised to create 15 million jobs in his first four years "and come up 14 million short." The Democrat's proposal to generate 8 million jobs over the next four years is highlighted in a Clinton TV ad that began airing Monday.

Republicans "have no credibility to say anything about jobs," Clinton said. "They don't know how to create jobs. All they know how to do is give more money to the richest Americans, bankrupt the country and run the economy into the ditch."

He noted that Bush four years ago promised 30 million new jobs over eight years. In Bush's first 3 years, the number of non-farm jobs inched up just 923,000. Clinton said just 100,000 new

jobs over the last four years had come from the private sector, adding, "We produced almost that many private-sector jobs in Arkansas."

The Democratic nominee brushed off suggestions that Republicans had successfully put him on the defensive in the last two weeks with their repeated attacks on his tax record.

"This week, we'll be talking about some different things," Clinton said. He noted that by some estimates, Bush would have to impose more than \$1 trillion in spending cuts to finance an across-the-board tax cut and other campaign promises. Bush has not stated what areas would be cut.

"They want us to wait till January with bated breath to see what they're going to do," Clinton said. "There are only a few options and ... I think we ought to explore that this week."

The debate over taxes, jobs and economic growth also surfaced elsewhere on the campaign trail Monday.

While President Bush was at the White House focusing on hurricane relief efforts, cam-

paign chairman Robert Teeter took aim at the Democrats' ad touting Clinton's record as Arkansas governor. "We're very happy that Gov. Clinton appears to be willing to run on his record," Teeter said at a Washington news conference. "Gov. Clinton's record is one of taking a state ... with some difficult problems and leading it nowhere."

Democratic vice presidential candidate Al Gore, campaigning in California, said the Republicans were wrongly suggesting Americans must choose between jobs and protecting the environment. He added, "You can create jobs and have economic success while protecting the environment and leading the way toward environmental responsibility."

Vice President Dan Quayle, campaigning in Alabama, repeated his assertion that electing Clinton would mean higher taxes, insisting the Democrat "thinks you create jobs by raising taxes."

Clinton said he welcomed a tax debate, because Arkansas voters had approved various tax increases for education and economic development.

California budget deal falters

by The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's tenuous \$57 billion state budget agreement teetered toward collapse Monday as Assembly Democrats tried to rewrite a school loan provision that Gov. Pete Wilson said he would veto.

A veto wouldn't immediately sink the budget agreement,

which was the first crack in the political impasse that has left California paying bills with IOUs since the new fiscal year began July 1.

But without some version of the deal — either the one passed by the Senate last week, the substitute Assembly plan, or some other draft — the agreement passed Saturday won't work.

The budget brinkmanship raised no new issues, but it took on added urgency as the legisla-

ture neared a Monday midnight constitutional deadline to adjourn its 1992 session.

Both the Senate and Assembly were expected to battle up to the deadline, and possibly a few hours beyond, because some key bills carry urgency provisions excluding them from the midnight deadline. Failure to settle the budget fight by adjournment could force the legislature to reconvene in a special session.

The state has issued \$3.4 billion

in IOUs, including \$184 million in paychecks Monday for 89,000 state workers. Another \$154 million in IOUs, mostly to counties for the state's share of Medi-Cal payments, were to be issued later this week.

Deep budget cuts are needed to close a \$10.7 billion gap between anticipated revenues and spending, caused mostly by the recession's heavy impact on state tax receipts.



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Life hard for Romanian orphans

Hanging ten from the Delta to Danang

by The Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania — In Bucharest's chaotic main train station, 13-year-old Andrei Bentea has found a home begging, sniffing glue and sleeping on a filthy patch of cement.

Battles over turf with other street children have left his leg badly scarred from razor blade cuts. With a practiced wince, he explains it provides "a begging advantage" over other children, who must fake infirmity.

Andrei fled his home in the northwest city of Cluj just after the December 1989 uprising that toppled Nicolae Ceausescu and his Communist system. He and many children like him already have been twisted by the poverty and chaos Ceausescu left behind.

Tens of thousands of unwanted

children were born as a result of Ceausescu's ban on contraception and abortion, aimed at increasing the country's population.

Many impoverished parents turned them over to orphanages. Of the 87,000 children who still live in state institutions, most were abandoned.

More than 1,000 children live on Bucharest's streets, a sixth of estimated number of homeless children nationwide, according to the state Adoptions Commission.

Since Ceausescu's overthrow, contraception has remained scarce. But abortions have skyrocketed to about 1 million a year. In addition, under President Ion Iliescu's free-market reforms, some people are even poorer.

"A growing number of children

are being abandoned as a result of the drop in living standards," said Labor Ministry Director-General Silvia Pasti.

But the ill-funded, dilapidated orphanages are already bursting at the seams, and a massive effort on behalf of the children is for now considered unlikely.

Rodica Mitulescu, who runs the Labor Ministry's Street Children Project, said about \$18,000 was allocated to create special centers for street children. But, she acknowledged, the facilities are very limited.

"We are ensuring protection only to one group of kids, those with the tiniest street experience ... who have a high potential for re-integration into society," she said.

Markus Heil, director of the Vienna-based Caritas Catholic charity in Romania, noted that

many children prefer the streets because they are not given proper food, care or housing in state-run orphanages.

"Orphanages are run in such a way that the kids don't want to stay there," said Heil, whose charity has set up four child-care houses where about 100 former street children sleep.

One source of hope was cut off in July 1991 when the government halted adoptions by foreigners, which had reached into the thousands. Officials believed the well-publicized black market in adoptions was harming Romania's image.

Bucharest's Gara de Nord, modeled after its Parisian namesake, was once a gateway to Europe between the two World Wars, when Romania enjoyed relative prosperity.

by The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Vietnam is catching the surfing wave, with help from American surfers.

A delegation of U.S. surfing and beach management experts visiting Vietnam this month promised to help it finance and organize an international surfing competition in December, the official Vietnam News Agency reported Monday.

The team also promised to help the Vietnamese Ministry of Information, Culture and Sports

develop better beach management and water sports, according to the report monitored in Bangkok.

The American delegation is led by Bruce S. Hopping, chairman of the International Surfing Association.

It visited Ha Long Bay in northern Vietnam, the central coastal towns of Danang, Qui Nhon and Nha Trang, and the beach resort of Vung Tau at the country's southern tip.

Surfers from the United States, Indonesia, Japan and other countries have registered for the December competition, the news agency reported.

Woman's death shows tragedy of war

by The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The death notice in the newspaper was brief: "One last goodbye to Carmen Emini Konda."

It had to be that way. "There was too much to say, so I couldn't say anything," her husband said.

Bosnian soldier, intelligence operative and karate aficionado Carmen Konda died following a car accident late last month under heavy Serb gunfire.

She was a homemaker who missed her children, cooking, and dancing — one of thousands of ordinary Yugoslavs forced by war to do extraordinary things.

Her death was one of hundreds recently among the Bosnian

army, which has fought Serb rebels since Bosnia-Herzegovina's majority Muslims and Croats voted for independence from Yugoslavia in February.

The 32-year-old woman cut a dashing figure among the fighters of her team in Stup II, a western Sarajevo suburb. She moved daily behind Serb lines, gathering intelligence about enemy positions.

"Me and my boys, we crawl to within five meters of them," she said in an interview with The Associated Press early last month. "We have to be patient. Sometimes it rains shells, and we just look how to save ourselves. But it's never boring."

Clad in camouflage or jet black overalls, toting a Czech-made Scorpion semi-automatic machine pistol, Carmen was a

sight among the rag-tag forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"She was the most beautiful woman in the world," said Atif Saronjic, her 39-year-old husband. "When she died, I lost everything."

Saronjic, a thin man with a striking face and charcoal beard, met Carmen late last year in the Croatian port of Split as war in that former Yugoslav republic raged between Serb and Croat forces.

"She came to my karate class," said Saronjic, once a member of Yugoslavia's national team. "She was tough, but soft. You know that kind of combination in a woman. We fell in love."

A former marine commando with the Yugoslav navy, Saronjic went to Sarajevo to help form the defense forces of this small

country — sandwiched between Croatia and Serbia — as tensions mounted.

He had recently left his wife, so Carmen accompanied him. Three sons — two his and one hers from previous marriages — were left with Carmen's mother in Split.

Love during wartime is said to be the most passionate and also the most tragic. Theirs was no exception.

"Nobody loved me that way before," said Saronjic. "It burned into me. It's like I'm branded like a sheep. I can't forget."

In April, soon after Serb militias began grabbing chunks of Bosnia, Serb forces arrested the couple as they drove near Stup. He was carrying a walkie-talkie and she some bullets. Twenty-four days later they were released.

"When you are beaten with

someone and tortured together, it brings you closer. It makes a terrible bond," Saronjic said.

The worst, he said, was the psychological terror. Twice, they were told their executions were nigh. Twice, they were driven blindfolded to a burial ground. Twice, nothing happened.

Serbs exchanged the pair for some Serb prisoners.

A little more than a month later they were officially married.

"It was in June. It was a simple marriage," Saronjic recalled. "We were in the military. There wasn't much extra to eat. It was just her, me and the fighters."

On a mid-August evening, the couple were driving to the front to prepare for another offensive to break the five-month siege of Sarajevo.

Close to a highway bridge on the outskirts of the city, their vehicle came under sniper fire

from high-rise buildings. Saronjic, at the wheel, rolled the car twice, maybe three times. It smashed into an oncoming car.

He awoke in the hospital with a fractured thigh. Carmen suffered a broken hip. Another fighter broke an arm.

Everyone was recovering quickly; operations had been successful, when on Aug. 23, something happened to Carmen.

A blood clot passed into her lung. She suffered a severe embolism. Crying for air, she died in 15 minutes. Saronjic, on crutches, was at her side.

"I used to watch movies like James Bond that showed that women could do everything," Carmen said last month. "But when you're in this, you wish you were back in a normal life. ... From time to time, when no one's looking, I cry a bit."



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Soviets surround palace

Crowd demands resignation of Tajikistan president

by The Associated Press

MOSCOW -- Hundreds of Tajikistan's opposition members surrounded the presidential palace in the central Asian country's capital Monday, took senior government officials hostage and demanded the resignation of President Rakhmon Nabiyev, news reports said.

The opposition has criticized Nabiyev, a former Communist Party leader, for failing to stop a bloody tribal conflict that rages in two areas of the central Asian republic. They also accuse him of failing to move quickly enough on democratic reforms.

In other unrest in the former Soviet Union, fighters ignored a cease-fire agreement in the secessionist Abkhazia area of Georgia, and a prospective truce also appeared threatened by new Armenian-Azerbaijani violence that reportedly killed scores of people in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman Vladimir Gogolashvili said 25 Georgian troops were killed and 50 wounded in weekend clashes in Abkhazia.

The news agencies ITAR-Tass and Nega reported that refugees from the fighting-torn regions of Tajikistan gathered around the presidential palace in the Tajik capital of Dushanbe.

The protesters blocked the palace and the government parking lot and later were allowed by police to occupy the building's first floor, the reports said.

ITAR-Tass said the officials

were kept hostage on the palace's first floor. But Nega said four officials were taken away by opposition members who demanded a meeting with Nabiyev.

Nega identified the hostages as Vice Premiers Tukhboy Gafarov and Jamshed Karimov, Cabinet business manager Ramazan Mirzoyev and presidential military adviser Kholbobo Sharipov.

Nabiyev's whereabouts were unknown but he was not in the palace, the reports said.

The opposition has demanded greater religious and political freedoms in the nation of 5.1 million people, 2,000 miles southeast of Moscow on the borders of China and Afghanistan. Some also want to found a Muslim state.

The conflict between Georgia and Abkhazia is the latest to trouble the Caucasus Mountains region of the former Soviet Union since mid-August.

The bloodshed in Nagorno-Karabakh, between neighboring Armenia and Azerbaijan, has cost more than 2,000 lives in four years and has worsened since the disintegration of Kremlin control last year.

Both sides in the Georgia-Abkhazia unrest blamed each other for violating the cease-fire.

The Abkhazian legislative press center reported Georgian shelling of Abkhazian positions near the region's capital of Sukhumi and in Gagra, and said it began at 1 a.m. Monday, an hour after the cease-fire was supposed to take effect.

The press center accused Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze of losing control of his field commanders.

The Georgian news agency Iprinda Ltd. reported two abortive Abkhazian attacks on Sukhumi and Gagra overnight. Later Monday, Georgian troops backed by armored vehicles launched an attack near a village close to Sukhumi, it said.

Georgia sent troops into Abkhazia on Aug. 13 to secure railroads, bridges and communications sites, and root out supporters of Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia, who was ousted in a brief civil war in January.

Leaders of Abkhazia, a rich western Georgian region along the Black Sea, said the troops were dispatched to crush its independence campaign.

Shevardnadze said Monday on Georgian radio it was impossible to end the fighting in one day, "but all our efforts must be directed toward it." He said the northern Caucasus militants must go home.

Shevardnadze also appealed to Abkhazia's leadership "to take all measures to prevent any provocations."

Russian President Boris Yeltsin will discuss the Abkhazian crisis with Shevardnadze and Abkhazian leader Vladislav Ardzinba in Moscow on Thursday. The ITAR-Tass news agency said an agreement drafted by Moscow stipulates that Georgia will withdraw its troops from Abkhazia, while Abkhazia will disarm its forces.

U.N. experts resume checks as allies patrol Iraq overhead

by Nabila Magall
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain -- Nuclear weapons experts went to work Tuesday under tightened security in Baghdad on the first U.N. inspection mission since U.S.-led allies set up the "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq.

A U.N. official, reached by satellite telephone in Baghdad, said there were "no problems" during the team's full day of work.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said "a lot" of Iraqi security personnel accompanied the team, but gave no specifics.

The 21-member team, which includes experts from the United States, France, Germany, Italy and Poland, set out from its Baghdad hotel early Tuesday without disclosing its destination. The team returned at sunset.

The mission has been conducted under unusually high security and secrecy. The United Nations placed its workers on maximum alert after a bomb was found at-

tached to the car of three U.N. guards in northern Iraq on Friday.

U.S. and allied jets last Thursday began patrolling the "no-fly" zone -- the part of Iraq south of the 32nd parallel. Iraqi military aircraft have been banned from the zone, which shelters Shiite Muslims who have been under attack since trying to overthrow Saddam Hussein last year.

Baghdad has declared creation of the zone an act of war and has pledged retaliation. Some Iraqi officials have hinted the retaliation could take the form of challenging the U.N. inspection teams or U.N. relief efforts.

Team leader Maurizio Zifferero, an Italian official of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, has said he expects "a very quiet mission -- and a fruitful one."

He also has tried to disassociate his U.N.-supervised hunt for nuclear weapons from the "no-fly" zone controversy.

Under the U.N. Security Council resolution that set the terms of the Gulf War cease-fire, Iraq is prohibited from possessing or developing weapons of mass de-

struction. The inspection teams are to ensure that Iraq does not retain nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, ballistic missiles or the facilities to make them.

The commission is still trying to find out about what U.N. officials describe as "gray areas" in the Iraqi program, including data on Western weapons suppliers who helped Iraq develop its nuclear program.

The current team, which arrived in Baghdad on Monday, is scheduled to stay in Iraq until Sept. 7.

Fourteen U.N. chemical weapons experts also arrived Monday, joining 15 already there permanently.

The chemical weapons team is about to begin destroying an arsenal of more than 40,000 chemical munitions at the Muthana facility, 80 miles northwest of Baghdad. The site was heavily hit during the 1991 Gulf War, and some of the munitions are leaking.

More than 40 weapons teams have been in Iraq.

USG

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monitored by USG and will be an ongoing issue throughout the year.

"The budget situation will never go away," Jackson said. "We have to make sure everything is happening in the best interest of the students."

Promoting student awareness, and, in particular, a push to add Black Entertainment Television to the cable system will also be main focuses of the organization, Jackson said.

"BET is a great learning experience for those who don't know much about African-American culture," Jackson said. "We think it would be a great addition to the cable system and, if it's not added, we're prepared to turn up the volume."

USG also took steps to promote student welfare by encouraging better city and University relations. Jackson and USG Vice President John Babel spent part

of the summer getting to know the mayor of Bowling Green and the University administration.

"We haven't always had the best relations [with city and University officials] but we want to make sure we communicate anything that is planned to the students before it happens," Babel said. "USG is helping rebuild the bridges between the city and administration which creates a better environment for students to live in."

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Canseco traded to Rangers

by Dennis Georgatos
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jose Canseco, the embodiment of the Oakland Athletics' brash, bruising style, took the news quietly.

As he readied for a first-inning at-bat Monday night against Baltimore, Canseco was called back for pinch-hitter Lance Blankenship and in the runway manager Tony La Russa told him he had been traded.

"I feel awkward and strange right now," Canseco said. "It really hasn't hit me yet."

"I'm disappointed I won't be around to enjoy the A's the success the remainder of the season. I can't really feel any positive emotions when I've just been traded from the (organization) I've been with for 10 years."

The deal was one of three Monday night.

San Diego sent left-handed pitcher Craig Lefferts to Baltimore for minor league pitcher Eric Schullstrom, and Minnesota moved left-hander Bill Kruger to Montreal for outfielder Darren Reed.

All players will be eligible for post-season play because they were placed on the rosters of their new clubs prior to the mid-night deadline.

Canseco, a two-time AL home run champion who was hitting .246 this season with 22 homers and 72 RBIs, was sent to the Texas Rangers in exchange for outfielder Ruben Sierra, pitcher Bobby Witt, reliever Jeff Russell and cash.

The first-place A's sought more experience and depth in their pitching staff for the pennant stretch run, and they gave up one of baseball's most dynamic players to get it. Sierra is expected to replace Canseco in right field.

"It wasn't one of my happiest days, telling Jose he was involved in a trade," La Russa said. "But I think we're taking our best shot at finishing off the division, and if we can finish it, this sets us up for the postseason better."

"I think our club understands. We've seen Ruben Sierra compete. He's a two-time All-Star. We've also seen the pitchers. I think we're going to be OK."

Canseco, 28, had begun the night playing right field in the game, which Baltimore won 4-0.

After he was told of the trade, he cleaned out his locker. He sat in the lockerroom for several minutes in stunned disbelief and — still dressed in his Oakland uniform — addressed a news confer-

ence in the basement of the Coliseum.

"From their view it makes a lot of sense from a business point of view," Canseco said.

Canseco's awesome power helped the A's win the AL pennant in 1988 and a World Series title in 1989. The A's also won the AL pennant in 1990 but were upset in the Series by Cincinnati.

Canseco has often had some controversial moments with the A's, including this year when he left a game at Oakland in the eighth inning causing the ire of several teammates. His off-field demeanor has also been controversial as he received a number of celebrated speeding tickets and had some public domestic problems with his wife.

But Canseco's contributions on the field were enormous.

"It's a sad day really," A's reliever Dennis Eckersley said. "As a team, I think we'll be a better team because we needed pitching and we got it."

"But he's a great player. I feel sorry for him because I know there's a lot of emotions that go

with it, regardless of how strong of a person you are. When you spend a lot of time in one place, it's kind of hard to swallow."

The A's are taking a chance because Sierra is currently out with the chicken pox. He also is a free agent at the end of the season and will be looking for more than \$25 million over five years.

Sierra, 26, is hitting .278 with 14 homers and 70 RBIs.

The 28-year-old Witt, 9-13 with a 4.46 ERA, gives the A's a much-needed starting pitcher and Russell will be used as a set up man to Eckersley.

Russell is 2-3 with 28 saves and a 1.91 ERA.

Witt was 17-10 in 1990, but has often had control problems in his career.

Canseco entered the season with 209 career homers and 647 RBIs over his first six full years with Oakland.

He is in the second year of a five-year deal signed with the A's in 1991. The right fielder is making \$3.6 million this season and will earn \$4.1 million in 1993. Canseco will make \$4.4 million in 1994 and \$5.1 million in 1995.

Louisville may be in over their heads

by Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A year ago when Howard Schnellenberger brought a Louisville team to Ohio State, he didn't know what to expect.

He certainly didn't expect a 2-9 season.

"We played three games probably better than we were capable of playing: Tennessee, Ohio State and Florida State. Those were the three games we played the best football," the eighth-year coach said Monday by telephone.

Schnellenberger hopes his Cardinals play over their heads again when they debut in Ohio Stadium on Saturday at 12:36 p.m. against the 17th-ranked Buckeyes.

Things went wrong almost from the outset of last season for the Cardinals, who had gone 10-1-1 in 1990 with a 34-7 victory over Alabama in the Fiesta Bowl.

Schnellenberger's starting quarterback, Jeff Brohm, went down with a broken bone in his leg in a 28-11 loss to Tennessee.

Nine days later, he was forced to put an untested fifth-year

senior named Erik Watts in to replace Brohm.

Watts got off to a slow start but nearly rallied the Cardinals to a victory before losing 23-15.

"I felt good about the way we played at Ohio State in that we continued to fight and scrap during the whole game," said Schnellenberger. "I was proud of the team."

After a victory over Southern Mississippi, however, things fell apart. The Cardinals lost their last seven games, none by less than 23 points.

Now Louisville is trying to regain its form of two years ago.

Brohm, a farmhand with the Cleveland Indians, is back and healthy. He is joined by 16 returning starters.

"He's a major plus for us," Schnellenberger said. "He was No. 1 last year. Without him we were not a very good offensive football team. In turn, that carried over to the defense, where it became obvious we couldn't score enough to win."

"I think our football team has confidence in him. I know I do. I

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Miami Redskins open against West Virginia

OXFORD, O. — Miami of Ohio quarterback Neil Dougherty enters Saturday's opener at West Virginia as a question mark. In a lesser sense, so does the Mountaineers' starting quarterback, Darren Studstill.

Entering preseason drills, it was not certain that either would be their teams' starters. Dougherty was competing with two-year starter Jim Clement and Studstill was under siege by strong-armed Notre Dame transfer Jake Kelchner.

Dougherty has performed so well that Clement has been moved to receiver, but the sophomore still has only thrown 66 passes in college and has much to prove. Studstill has a full season of experience but still must demonstrate he can consistently throw deep.

Miami coach Randy Walker said Dougherty has improved a great deal in the past six months.

"We started thinking it was a possibility for Neil to start in the spring," Walker said Tuesday. "But Neil has really solidified the position this fall. Last year as a freshman he did well. He's grown more and more into what we're trying to do as an offense this season."

Dougherty should give Miami a more balanced offense and help counteract the Mountaineers' greater size, Walker said. Without

Dougherty's "sharp passing," the Redskins probably would not have a chance, he said.

Studstill also has received praise from West Virginia coach Don Nehlen, who said the junior earned the starting spot by playing much better in preseason drills than he did last season.

But Studstill is not likely to fill the air with footballs this fall because of the Mountaineers' talented array of running backs. Tailback Adrian Murrell, a senior, rushed for almost 1,000 yards in 1991, his first full season of action.

However, Studstill must at least offer the threat of deep passing if West Virginia is to open up its offense against a solid Miami defense. Studstill averaged only 12.4 yards per completion last season.

Nehlen did not come right out and say it at his Tuesday news conference, but he may rely on Kelchner's strong arm to provide that threat if necessary.

"Jake will get more than just a token appearance," Nehlen said. "He is going to play in the game."

"Both he and Darren are too good of ball players not to have them both play. Each of them have made the other better," he said. "The competition has brought out the best in them both."

Hockey player takes Moscow over Winnipeg

by Marius Turula
The Associated Press

TAMPERE, Finland — Minneapolis or Moscow? An easy decision for Mike Muller.

The defenseman has made a bold move and joined the Russian champions, Dynamo Moscow, one of the better clubs in the

world despite losing many players to the West. Instead of donning the uniform of the University of Minnesota, the 20-year-old Muller, property of the Winnipeg Jets, now wears the famous blue "D" on his chest for the Dynamo starting five.

And that means he is on a winning team. Last Sunday, Dynamo

edged Sweden's top team Lulea 5-4 in a penalty shootout in the annual Tampere Cup.

Muller also will travel to France and Switzerland for tournaments not on any schedules for universities back home.

At first glance, the story behind the transfer seems usual.

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Browns falling even lower

Mark DeChant



As a brand new NFL season rolls around, it's time for me to roll the clocks ahead and predict how the Cleveland Browns are going to fare in the upcoming season. Unfortunately, the mere thought of the 1992 Browns makes my stomach turn, and should make even the most optimistic fan at least slightly queasy.

Ever since their brief "streak" of AFC Championship Game appearances a few years back, the Browns have slipped to the NFL ranks previously occupied by New England and Tampa Bay. Mr. Optimism will say, "Hey, they went from 3-13 to 6-10. This year they'll improve even more."

Well, if he was really in the house he would realize that this year's squad is much worse than the 1991 version. My reasoning is based upon two simple premises: personnel and personality.

Roster-wise, they are missing the following players from last year: Webster Slaughter, Reggie Langhorne, Brian Brennan and Mike Baab. That's four offensive starters and that's bad news.

That the Browns will be hard-pressed for points this year is like saying the Indians are hard-pressed for pennants. With the absence of Slaughter in the lineup, Bernie will be throwing to a crew of John Doe receivers who have as much pro experience as Bowling Green's corps. The running game will be the only solid spot on offense, as long as Kevin Mack stays healthy.

As far as personality goes, this year's Browns give new meaning to the familiar Cleveland term, "Dawg Pound." Bernie Kosar says he is unhappy with Bill Belichick's team philosophy. Slaughter is holding out for amounts of cash found only in the U.S. Treasury. (Do they really need more gold chains?) And Little Fridge, All-Pro defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry, is whining because he claims he is not "featured" enough on defense. Geez, Robert Smith must adore this guy. Basically, the Browns lead the league in bad attitudes, gold diggers and head cases.

Andrew Dice Clay, prophetic as he is, once made a comment about dieters, and I think it also applies nicely to the Browns: "You know how it goes. You see 'em at first, and they look half-way decent right now. But you know in a few months they're just gonna be a sack of sh--w again."

My comments may sound harsh and very pessimistic, but trust me. I'm right on the Money.

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think they'll go out realizing we have the potential to score."

Brohm completed 24 of 47 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns with three interceptions before being sidelined last year.

With Brohm out of the lineup, Louisville foundered because of its lack of depth in the backfield.

"Erik Watts had been with us for four years. Our attack on offense didn't change a whole lot. It did change in that it wasn't very good," Schnellenberger said. "We didn't have the luxury of a stable full of backs who could have taken some of the pressure off Erik by running the ball more."

Schnellenberger said the strengths of his team will be the defense, which loses only two starters, and the return of Brohm.

"We think this football team is certainly much, much more experienced than we were last year," he said. "With a healthy Brohm, I think we'll be a much improved football team."

Steelers still having trouble with draft picks

by Alan Robinson
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH -- The Pittsburgh Steelers still haven't played their first game this season and they already have two fewer first-round draft choices than they did last December.

Coach Bill Cowher made it official Tuesday by confirming that 1991 first-rounder Huey Richardson, the Steelers' biggest first-round bust in a quarter-century, won't play for the team this season.

Richardson, a linebacker, is still on the Steelers' 47-man roster, but he cleared out his Three Rivers Stadium locker Monday and was told he would no longer play for the team.

Cowher said the Steelers were talking with another NFL team -- he didn't say so, but it's reportedly the Washington Redskins -- about a trade for Richardson. But even if the trade doesn't work out, Cowher made it clear that Richardson no longer wears black and gold.

"That would be an accurate statement," said Cowher, who will coach his first NFL regular-season game Sunday in Houston. "I think it's commendable that this organization is committed to winning and keeping the best 47 players, regardless of their status."

Richardson, who received a signing bonus and 1991 salary totaling nearly \$2 million, lost his job as the backup to right outside linebacker Greg Lloyd by Elnardo Webster, a ninth-round draft choice from Rutgers. The last time the Steelers got rid of a first-rounder so soon was when they cut 1966 first-rounder Dick Lefftridge that season.

Cowher said Richardson's problem didn't stem from his moodiness, his refusal to talk to the media, or his attitude, but because he simply wasn't better than the other 46 players on the Steelers' roster.

"His attitude was fine and Huey worked as hard or harder than anyone else on that football field," Cowher said. "That was never a factor. He wasn't one of our best 47 football players, and that's the only reason."

In the last two days, they've unloaded -- or will soon unload -- two recent first-rounders in guard Tom Ricketts (1989) and Richardson. Only two of their last five first-round picks, rookie guard Leon Searcy and tight end Eric Green (1990), are still with the team.

Are the post-Chuck Noll era Steelers sending a message that they will no longer tolerate high-salaried players who put their careers on cruise control after they sign huge contracts?

"There's no question that this organization from the very outset has made a commitment to winning, not just in the future, but now," Cowher said. "The message is the 47 best players make this team, regardless of how you got here."

Two players that still aren't here with the season just five days away -- wide receiver Louis Lipps and free safety Thomas Everett -- remain out of sight, out of mind as far as Cowher is concerned.

Everett's absence will force the Steelers to start eighth-round draft choice Darren Perry of Penn State at free safety against Houston's prolific run-and-shoot offense.

"They've been away from football for awhile and (if they sign), it will take them time to get back in shape and into what we've been doing," Cowher said. "I still look at them as Steelers ... but they're not here."

Meanwhile, Cowher said Pro Bowl cornerback Rod Woodson, expected to be out a month when he partially tore a calf muscle 10 days ago, is progressing faster than expected and likely will play Sunday.

The Steelers may not know until game time if their other corner, D.J. Johnson (partially dislocated shoulder) will play. But a healthy Woodson would substantially improve a secondary that contains just one returning regular, strong safety Carnell Lake.

Despite the off-field distractions, Cowher said he is looking forward to his first game as an NFL coach -- even if the schedule could have been kinder.

Cleveland isn't looking past Colts

by Jeff Ortega
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio -- Cleveland Browns coach Bill Belichick said Tuesday that he doesn't underestimate the abilities of his old patron, Ted Marchibroda, first-year head coach of the Indianapolis Colts.

The Browns and the Colts square off Sunday in the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis in the season opener.

"Ted's the type of guy who doesn't leave a stone unturned," Belichick said. "He's very well prepared and, in turn, his teams are well prepared."

"I was with him in '75 when we had that miracle in Baltimore -- p the 2-12 to 10-4 -- so I know what he's capable of doing," Belichick said, referring to Baltimore's turnaround between 1974 and 1975.

It was Marchibroda who as head coach of the then-Baltimore Colts gave Belichick his start in professional football in 1975 as his assistant.

As head coach of the Baltimore Colts from 1975 to 1979, Marchibroda won three AFC eastern conference championships and was the NFL Coach-of-the-Year in 1975.

Before taking over the head

coaching job of the Indianapolis Colts this year, Marchibroda spent the last five years as a coach with the Buffalo Bills, the last three as offensive coordinator. He is considered the author of the Bills' no-huddle attack.

The Colts are coming off a 2-2 preseason, and the team's 1-15 record last season is the worst in franchise history and ties an NFL record for most losses in a season.

Of hiring the then-23-year-old Belichick in 1975, Marchibroda said: "He broke down the film and did all the writing. It was an awful lot of work."

"What I knew about him at that point was that we'd hired a fellow who had a good football background," Marchibroda said.

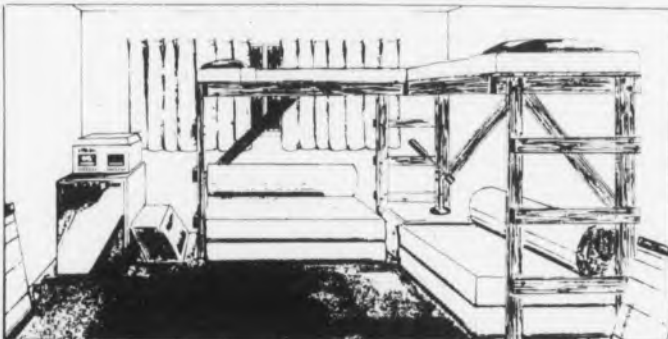
Belichick, who guided the Browns to a 2-2 preseason and a 6-10 record last year, said he didn't know who Marchibroda planned to start, but said: "We've prepared for several different contingencies."

He also said the team has studied films of Bills' games from last year to get more of a feel for Marchibroda's brand of the no-huddle attack, first developed by Sam Wyche and the Cincinnati Bengals in the early 1980s.

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